TESTIMONY OF HERMINA MORITA CHAIR, PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND FINANCE STATE OF HAWAII TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

MARCH 13, 2012

Measure:

SB 1197, Proposed H.D. 1

Title:

Relating to Energy

Chair Coffman and Members of the Committee:

Position:

The Commission supports the general intent of this measure, but not the current Proposed House Draft 1 version, as this intent should be further clarified.

Comments:

The Commission believes this measure includes a number of specific provisions that may have unintended consequences that would negatively affect Hawaii's ratepayers, independent power producers, electric utilities, as well as the State's overall electric system.

We are happy to work with the Committee to find the appropriate language for this bill.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit testimony on this measure.